Bible & Daily Living

Hope battles life's many difficulties

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HOPEFUL LIVING
Lesson for November 11, 1984
Bible Study Passages: I Thess. 1:1-3; 4:9-18

INTRODUCTION

The ancient story of Noah is a moving drama about hope. The dove with a small olive leaf in its beak is a symbol and reminder that hope does not fail. A sprig of hope held up against the end of the world...our world. The world we inhabit is a world of nightmares and dreams, all tangled up together, and the turbulent waters are always threatening to "burst forth" and "flood" our lives.

A sprig of hope. Sometimes we may wish we had that much. Hope is a main ingredient for survival through life's difficult circumstances. The opposite of hope is despair, a feeling that there is little to live for or little chance for things to get better. Hope means clinging to life despite the "floods" and choas. Hope also means drawing from our deep wells of faith, determination, humor, experience, family and friends. Such resources help us make it through life's bitter moments.

Christians also hope for a better world beyond the one we inhabit. This week's lesson helps us focus upon last things. When death robs from us those who bring us joy and meaning, we can't help but hope that we will one day see them again. The mother of a baby who died shortly after birth asked, "Will I be able to see my baby and hold her when I get to heaven?" The answer has to be yes. Our belief in life after death supports us firmly in the midst of life's painful losses.

The belief in Christ's return and the resurrection of the believer gives comforting hope to those who struggle through dark times.

TEACHINGS MISAPPLIED [I Thess. 4:9-15]

Paul cautioned the Christians in the Thessalonian Church to "cool their jets." Many of them were overly concerned about the Lord's return. Their enthusiasm over the second coming was getting in the way the their ministry and witness to others. Their topic of conversation seemed to always focus around the second coming.

Have you ever been with someone who talked only about one thing? Some Christians overwhelm others with their lengthy conversation concerning their beliefs. Such people try to force their beliefs and opinions on others and become agitated when their opinions are not accepted.

Others in the church at Thessalonica were so obsessed with the second coming that they were giving up their jobs and becoming dependent upon others. We can easily see how such behavior would cast a bad light upon the Christian faith and the church. Paul writes the new converts at Thessalonica to caution them against such misapplication of the Gospel teachings.

Christians are not called to overwhelm others with their wordiness or opinions. We are called to simply share the Good News through our daily example and compassion. And when we share the Gospel in word it must be done out of love and concern.

TRUE HOPE AFFIRMED [I Thess. 4:16-18]

The Christian accepts the Bible as reality. Some would accuse those who believe in resurrection as wishful thinkers. But if we accept the Bible as reality we must accept the truth of the resurrection and the second coming. We must also avoid the game of trying to guess when these events will happen. This was the kind of thing Paul was preaching about in his letter to the Thessalonians.

Verses 16-18 sound a great note of hope to weary pilgrims. In life and death we are encouraged by the good news that we are safe in the arms of our Heavenly Father. Jesus was not merely talking when he promised a special place for his followers. What a great hope we have in Christ.

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THE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH located in the Town of Gladstone, Virginia will have a Thanksgiving Celebration on Saturday evening, Nov. 10 beginning at 6 p.m. The first event of the evening will be an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner. We are going to be thinking about all the bountiful blessings the Lord has blessed us with during the past year. The second event of the evening will be a Gospel Concert featuring the "Friends in Sacred Harmony", pictured, from Cumberland, Virginia at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to participate with us this great evening.

Mt. Shiloh news notes

The public is invited to attend morning worship services, Sunday November 11, 1984 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church.

The Appomattox Branch NAACP was saddened by the passing of one of its members, Deacon Charlie E. Napier Sr. The Branch expresses its heart felt sympathy to the family. Deacon Napier will be missed.

The Spout Spring community was saddened by the passing of Mr. James Herman Fleshman, originally of Appomattox County. The community's heart felt sympathy goes out to the family.

The Appomattox Branch NAACP will meet Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Pamplin, Va.

The choir, members and friends of the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church was glad to accompany its pastor, the Rev. Garry D. Moore in the sharing of the 70th anniversary services at the Peaceful Grove Baptist Church, Concord, Va.

The Rev. Moore appreciates members of Mt. Shiloh attending the 107th anniversary of the Mt. Evergreen Baptist Church, Evington, Va., of which he is pastor, also.

Let us remember the sick and shut in of the community.

St. Luke

The regular preaching services for the St. Luke Baptist Church were well carried out for the first and third Sundays in October. The Rev. R. R. Jones was present each time and gave inspiring messages. The Young Adult Choir presented the music. The Senior and Baby Ushers were at their posts of duty for the services.

On the third Sunday St. Luke's Baptist Church members attended the homecoming services at the Hat Creek Church at 3 p.m. and then went to Christian Tabernacle Church for the choir festival.

The Rev. R. R. Jones, pastor of St. Luke's is on vacation for the month of November. The Rev. James Franklin will be in charge of the services for the month. All are invited to come and attend the Sunday services.

The community was saddened by the sudden death of Deacon Elliott Russell Hunter recently.

On Sunday, Oct. 28 the annual Woman's Day Services were well attended by visitors and friends. Mrs. Ann Wynn was guest speaker. Mrs. Louise Canada was mistress of ceremonies and this was quite a success.

Mrs. Dora Martin has returned home from the hospital. Mrs. L. M. Canada is her attending nurse.

Mrs. Louise Canada and many others of her group attended the recognition banquet for the R.S.V.P.'s at the Elks Club in Lynchburg. This was very nice.

The R.S.V.P.'s enjoy the work of volunteer service and the Central Virginia Training Center each Friday.

Shop Locally

Galilee news

Thanks be to God.

Regular worship services were held at Galilee this past Sunday morning. Pastor Davis delivered an inspiring sermon and the senior choir rendered spirit-filled selections.

The Lord's Supper was observed after the morning service. Master Jerome Hamlett was given the right hand of fellowship and became a member of Galilee.

On that afternoon, The Pleasant Valley Men's Chorus was in concert. Our special thanks to all for their support.

Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, Jr. recently returned from New York where they attended funeral services for Mr. Louis Davis, brother of Mr. Davis.

The Appomattox Choral Ensemble will meet at Galilee this coming Saturday at 11 a.m.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Clara Fleshman McFay in the passing of her brother, Mr. James Herman Fleshman. Mr. Fleshman moved to Lynchburg from Chicago, Ill. after retirement.

Have a pleasant week and look ever to Jesus. Trust and Obey.

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WORSHIP

In Appomattox County

Catholics continue visitation tradition

"Jesus Christ won the victory over evil with his life, death and resurrection. Evil seemed to have won with his death but evil lost on Easter Sunday morning," taught Pastor Richard Kirch at the final session in a series held on Tuesday night for adults at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Appomattox.

"This redemption of all mankind is only the first stage of redemption. In order to experience this freedom men must consciously and explicitly in their own lives and persons reject sin and turn to Jesus" he continued.

The special learning series lead by the pastor ended with an excellent session filled with discussion among those gathered. The Sunday Mass was the topic for this last session; the topic broadened at the onset when the Penitential Rite, which begins every Mass, was discussed.

"Repentence is what is asked of us as we gather each Sunday; individual and common sinfulness is brought before the mercy of God," he said.

"You see, each of us is called to a life in grace; individual responses to God in a communal setting builds the Kingdom of God. Ask yourself, what is my Ideal? The christian answer is...a life responding to God's grace...obedience to God. This life begins with repentence" said the pastor.

"As time for the meeting to end arrived the rain was pouring down outside and no one could leave so this final session was extended" said parishioner Frank Draine "We were glad to have these extra sessions together to really discuss these topics!

"The Catholic Community in Appomattox is very small, about 25 families, and we are very fortunate to have extra opportunities to share our tradition, our faith and a sizable portion of the community did commit this extra time" he continued.

Our Lady of Peace is continuing the age-old practice of the Catholic Church of the "First Friday".

On the first Friday of each month our sick and shut-ins are visited by Father Kirch or the Eucharistic Ministers and given Communion.

The Ecuharistic Ministers are also available after Sunday Mass for those unable to attend because of illness, but who desire to receive Communion.

Our Eucharistic Ministers are: Eileen Brennen, Lorraine Brennen, Dorothy Draine, Dr. Al Fratrick, Merle O'Donnell, Bette Steinkamp and Roger Steinkamp.

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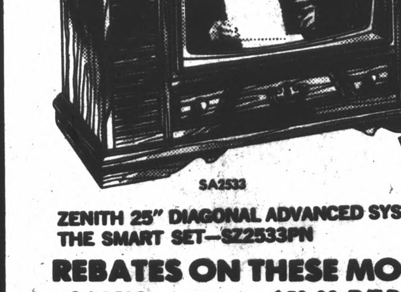

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ASCS Today

Markets to open on November 27

By TOM CONRAD

FIRE-CURED TOBACCO MARKETS TO OPEN ON Nov. 27 - The fire-cured tobacco markets at Farmville, Lynchburg and Blackstone will open on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1984 with sales opening day at Farmville and Lynchburg. The pounds per market per sale is as follows: Farmville - 144,565, Lynchburg, 150,615, Blackstone - 154,800. A copy of the sales schedule is on this page. We also have sales schedules at the ASCS office.

The initial warehouse designation period has been completed. All growers in Appomattox have now designated. The Farmville and Lynchburg warehouses will mail cards to the growers on November 15 indicating the sales dates and pounds. If there is a problem with a sales date and/or pounds you should contact your warehouse.

Some growers, at the time they designated at the ASCS office also filed their pesticide use certification form. These particular growers will have their marketing cards mailed to them just prior to the opening of the markets. For those that did not file the pesticide use certification form, you will need to come by the ASCS office to file and to pick up your card. We will notify you when the cards are ready to be picked up.

The annual membership meeting of the Virginia Dark-Fired Market will be held at the New Randolph Warehouse, Farmville on Friday, Nov. 16, 1984 at 2 p.m. Growers are urged to attend.

OLD AND MIDDLE BELTS FLUE-CURED - TYPE 11 - Only six Old and Middle belt flue-cured tobacco markets remained open as the fourteenth week of sales ended. They are: Chase City, Clarksville, Kenbridge, Oxford, Roxboro and South Boston. All other markets have ended their regular sales, but clean-up sales are set Nov. 7 in Winston-Salem and Nov. 8 in Danville. Based on the October estimate, about 90 percent of type 11 production for 1984 has been sold.

Gross sales by states and belts follow:

State & Belt	Week Ending 11/1/84 Pounds	Week Ending 11/1/84 Average	Season Through 11/1/84 Pounds	Season Through 11/1/84 Average
VA. (Old)	4,685,675	$183.33	96,811,913	$181.51
N.C. (Old)	1,991,224	178.78	106,269,765	179.88
Total Old	6,676,899	181.97	203,081,678	180.66
N.C. (Middle)	748,982	182.10	84,903,496	179.76
Total Type	7,425,881	181.99	287,985,174	180.39

The weekly average of $181.99 was down $4.20 from the prior week. During the same period (52 sales days) last season, 254,011,343 pounds had averaged $171.14 per hundred. Resales for the week of 670,254 pounds raised the total for the season to 19,728,757 pounds.

The Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation received 23.4 percent from Old Belt markets, 16.5 percent from the Middle, for a combined 22.7 percent of gross sales. For the season, 24.8 percent of Type 11 auctions has been placed under loan compared to 27.2 percent for the comparable period last season.

Recycling effort underway

The Virginia Division of Litter Control is taking an active role in promoting recycling statewide. To provide instant service to interested individuals and businesses, a toll-free number, 1-800-KEEP-ITT, can be called for recycling information.

In addition to the toll-free recycling information phone number, the division also has a few publications available for anyone interested in recycling.

These include the **Virginia Recycling Guide**, a manual designed to assist those wishing to establish a recycling collection center; the **Guide to Household Recycling**, which shows ways to practice recycling around the house; and the recently revised **Directory of Recycling Collection Centers**, which is also available and is a source for those wishing to locate recycling collection centers near them.

There has been a 17 percent increase in recycling collection centers reported to the Division of Litter Control since this directory was revised in 1982.

Recycling is beneficial because it saves energy, it reduces solid waste accumulation, and it increases economic strength by adding reusable resources from which to draw upon.

Local woman exhibits art

Five acrylic and two watercolor paintings by Margaret Dow Neathery are on exhibit at Longwood College, Farmville in the Bedford Building through Nov. 12.

The show "Portrait of a Small Town" is a result of a second independent study done by Ms. Dow Neathery under the guidance of Homer Springer, assistant professor of art at Longwood College.

Ms. Dow Neathery says she was influenced mainly by the work of Edward Hopper, twentieth-century American artist. Like Hopper, she enjoys using real compositions of shapes, forms, colors, lights and shadows. If not in the classroom, the Appomattox Elementary School art teacher might be seen with a camera looking for prospective subject matter. Ms. Dow Neathery has taught art in the Appomattox County Schools since October, 1978.

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Woodsy Owl Visits APS

STUDENTS AT APPOMATTOX PRIMARY SCHOOL were treated to a visit by Woodsy the Owl recently. The famous owl appeared following a film, "Help Woodsy Spread the Word: Give A Hoot, Don't Pollute." The appearance and film were sponsored by Westvaco and the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club. Shown with Woodsy above are (from left) Ron Powell, Stephen Lambreath, Ryan Coffman, Shenelle Pankey, Brandy Paulette, Terry Lawhorne, and David Coffman of Westvaco.

Sales seminar scheduled

The Distributive Education Department of Appomattox County High School will sponsor a Sales Effectiveness Training Seminar on Monday, Nov. 12.

This course emphasizes development of selling practices used by productive sales people. Emphasis is placed on those fundamentals of personal selling that have application in a wide range of personal selling positions.

The course will be held at ACHS in Room 305 from 7-10 p.m. Advance registration is preferred to avoid unneccesary cancellation. The cost is $3.

For further information or to register for the class, please contact Donna Roush, Marketing & distributive Education coordinator, at 352-5317.

For disabled Virginians

Virginia Home celebrates 90 years

This fall, one of the least-known, yet most remarkable establishments in Virginia will observe its 90th anniversary.

But, ask any of Virginia's five million citizens about The Virginia Home and only a handful will be able to tell you anything about this unique facility, which has been operating in Richmond for 90 years.

Originially called "Virginia Home for Incurables," it opened its doors in 1894, offering to provide permanent lifelong care for any incurably disabled Virginian.

That daring proclamation was the result of a lifelong dream of Miss Mary Tinsley Greenhow. She knew firsthand how important such care could be, for as a teenager she had suffered permanent disability after a fall from a horse.

In that unenlightened era, totally disabled citizens were generally ignored by the community and left to lead sedentary lives – useless, unproductive and certainly not happpy.

It took Mary Greenhow many years of seeking contributions to accumulate the money necessary to start and operate The Home. But she perservered. Today, her legacy is a thriving modern facility that houses 113 adults, all in wheelchairs, all in private comfortable rooms, all cared for by a staff of full and part time professionals who actually outnumber the residents.

Those residents at The Virginia Home, despite severe handicaps, lead active productive lives. Many attend schools and colleges, others have full-time careers outside The Home. Some work in The Home's craft shop. And, not surprisingly, many serve as volunteers and counsellors, helping others who need them.

The Home's 113 residents come from all over Virginia and currently represent 35 of Virginia's counties.

The Home is owned and managed by a group of 50 dedicated women who contribute their time, talent, and financial assistance. A Junior Board works throughout the year to raise money for extra needed projects. A men's advisory committee provides guidance on legal, medical, architectural, financial and other matters. All without cost to The Home. The day-by-day operation of The Virginia Home is a group effort.

It costs a little over $63 a day to give each resident the medical care and physical attention they require, plus routine needs such as housekeeping, meals, laundry, drivers, etc. Some residents are able to pay a small part of this cost. Other funds come from Medicaid. The rest comes from The Home's endowment, built up over the years, and from current contributions.

During 1984, The Home raised a million dollars to fulfill a 5-phase program of much-needed repairs to its six-story building. The funds will enlarge the dining room and lobby, and take care of other necessary repairs and improvements.

Mary Greenhow's dream of 90 years ago has become a reality and a necessity for Virginia's incurably disabled citizens.

Perutelli is promoted

Robert A. Perutelli, son of Alfred C. and Janette I. Perutelli of Rural Route 2, Gladstone, Va., has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of specialist four.

Perutelli is a radio operator at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the 82nd Airborne Division.

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